

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2074 - SB 2627

March 4, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, by July 1, 2019, each transportation authority to issue a written report detailing plans or initiatives to maximize system access and service to economically disadvantaged areas within the authority's system, and to hold at least three public meetings soliciting community input. Requires the final report to be published on the transportation authority's website with copies available upon request.

Requires, by January 1, 2020, a municipality receiving street aid funds for rail service, to reassess their municipal transportation project, if it was planned or proposed prior to January 1, 1990, and to hold at least one public meeting to reassess and reprioritize projects, based on community interest, for completion by January 1, 2025.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The extent of any mandatory increase in local government expenditures for hiring additional staff to complete required assessments and reprioritizations cannot reasonably be determined due to multiple unknown factors.*

Assumptions:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-56-101, any municipality or county or combination thereof has the authority to establish, acquire, purchase, construct, and operate a public transportation system and establish by ordinance a transit authority with the right of the local legislative body to approve the budget and set rates for fares.
- The required public meetings and publishing of reports on websites can be accomplished within existing resources of the transit authorities; therefore, any increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Due to multiple unknown factors, such as the size and complexity of the service area of any particular transit authority, the extent of staffing currently in place within each transit authority, the extent of any additional staff or contracting with outside firms which will be required to produce detailed plans and prioritize projects within the required timeframe, and the extent of any increase in expenditures associated with hiring additional staff or contractors, a precise mandatory increase in local government expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

HB 2074 - SB 2627

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

/jrh